

To: Scott Smith[ssmith@opflexinventor.com]
From: Durno, Mark
Sent: Wed 4/12/2017 3:33:30 PM
Subject: RE: Request Response

Thank for the update Scott.

I need to set my travel orders up today. Are we on or off for Friday?

Thanks,

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Mark,

This is a Water Defense official response to Marc Edwards yesterday.

As you can see, we are trying to take the high road and stop the nonsense.

From: Sam Wright <swright@waterdefense.org>
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 1:03 PM
To: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>, Scott Smith <ssmith@waterdefense.org>
Subject: Request Response

Dear Marc Edwards,

Thank you for reaching out before you wrote your blog post. Here are some responses to the questions you e-mailed:

1) The quote you asked about was taken from an interview posted here: <http://wuwm.com/post/flint-lead-crisis-expert-says-filters-faucets-good-interim-fix-milwaukee#stream/0>

a. The relevant section reads: ““One of the greater dangers to mankind is trust in scientists. The fate of mankind rests as never before on scientists and engineers finding solutions to our problems. What is to become of us if we are untrustworthy. The public is turning away from us, in many cases for good reason,” Edwards explains. “We are too much looking out for ourselves, trying to get funding, skewing results in favor of a funding agency, whether it’s a federal agency or other entity.” Edwards believes the scientific community itself, including himself, must stem the tide. “We have problems; we have to get them fixed and I really do think that the future of humankind rests on us getting our own house in order,” Edwards says.

2) This question is best answered by Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy directly, as the question seems to ask whether she unscrewed a pipe in order to take a water sample. We can say that neither Scott Smith nor any member of Water Defense have ever instructed Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy or anyone else to “unscrew” any of their pipes. Based on testing we have done in Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy home, we do know that there is a pre-existing valve that can be opened near where the water enters the residence. All of our sampling has been done under the supervision of Flint plumbers from UA Local 370. We can only speak to the sampling we have taken ourselves and cannot speak to samples collected by anyone else.

3) Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy communications on twitter represent his own opinions and do not represent the official positions of Water Defense. Any issue you might have with his assertions should be communicated with him directly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information Marc. It is our sincerest wish that we can put our differences aside and work together for the benefit of the Flint community. We believe our groups share a sincere desire to support Flint as best we can, but infighting between us serves only as an impediment to much-needed progress.

Best wishes,

Water Defense